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SUBJ: GOP STATEMENT ON ALLEGED MASSACRE IN  
MOZAMBIQUE

REF: LISBON 2573

1. SECRETARIAT OF STATE FOR INFORMATION RELEASED  
AUGUST 18 BRIEF DEFENSE MINISTRY STATEMENT ON INVESTIGATION  
OF MOZAMBIQUE MASSACRE ALLEGATIONS. STATEMENT SAID PRELIMINARY  
RESULTS OF INQUIRY REFUTE ATROCITY CHARGES AS SPECIFICALLY  
ALLEGED, ADDING THAT THIS VIEW VERIFIED BY FOREIGN  
JOURNALISTS IN TETE DISTRICT. STATEMENT ADMITS THAT  
ISOLATED FORCES HAVE AT LEAST ON ONE OCCASION COMMITTED  
"REPREHENSIBLE ACTS" CONTRARY TO ORDERS IN ANOTHER PART  
OF MOZAMBIQUE, AND STATED APPROPRIATE SANCTIONS WOULD BE  
APPLIED.

2. COMMENT AND BACKGROUND: FOLLOWING JULY 10  
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LONDON TIMES' ARTICLE BY ADRIAN HASTINGS CHARGING

PORTUGUESE MASSACRE OF 400 VILLAGERS IN WIRIYAMU  
(TETE DISTRICT) MOZAMBIQUE, THE GOP ANNOUNCED IT WAS  
INITIATING INVESTIGATION. AUGUST 18 COMMUNIQUE  
IS FIRST OFFICIAL GOP STATEMENT ON RESULTS  
WIRIYAMU INVESTIGATION (REFTEL). ADMISSION THAT  
"SOMETHING" TOOK PLACE SHOULD BE HELPFUL IN DAMPING  
DOWN CRITICISM THAT GOP REJECTED MASSACRE ALLEGATION  
OUT OF HAND.  
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NOTE BY OC/T: NOT PASSED BY OC/T.

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